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A Michigander's Opinion of the Territory Where "Milk and Honey Flows."

A man was canvassing in southern Dakota to raise money for the "homestead monument" which is proposed to crect at Mitchel. He rode up to one shack and addressed a man sitting in front of it.

"Good morning my triend." "G'mornin."

Fine day.

Wal, nuthin' extra.

How are times with you? Poor, stranger, blame poor. What's the matter?

Oh, when's so dang' low an' I hain't got none to sell neither.

Don't want no tail insurance, tut this fairt to mance of any

kind, n i---Got me the nur cross I want.

Yes, but I'm not a tree agent, if you hadn't. This is something that editor. A minister wanted in some I'm sure you will like to have your

Never sign no papers to strangers-"Of course, but let me explain, We are trying to raise money to erect a monument to the homestead law and -."

"Is it dead, partner?"

"No, the idea is to erect an imposing granite shaft 160 feet high in the centre of a quarter section of the land to perpetuate the memory of the untold benefits of the homestead law."

'Yes, I calkilate they are untold. I don't hear much bout'em in these

What! Don't you think you have derived great benefits from the homestead?

Not that I knows of. But it was free land for you.

No twasn't.

Why not?

Had ter live on it an' work it an' most starve to death. There was no use in starving.

Might's well starve ast' kill m'self

No need of either. But you could not have got a farm without the law. Didn't want none.

What made you take any then? Cos some dang fool like you said

t was nice. But it has given you a free home.

Had one before. Then you haven't enjoyed life on

your homestead? No; freeze ter death in the winter an' blow 'way in ther summer.

But you can sell your land. Don't want ter beat any other

dang fool. "I don't believe you like farm-

ing." "Oh, faram" 'sall right when yer live in a civ'lized country-a place where there's some trees where a feller kin chop, an' git a b'ar 'casionally er a 'coon-why, stranger, there aint a 'coon in this bul country, an' yer know it."

"Where did you live formerly?" "Mich'gan, North'n Mich'gan." "Then you can't give me any-

hing for the monument?" "Not a danged cent. But I'll tell yer, if ye'll get up a collect'n ter build a 'sylum fer cussed tools that kum out here where they can't chop er bil maple sugar er shoot squirel's er trap b'ar er hunt bee trees er git eny slip'ry elm er see a hoop pole ter er year er ever hear a 'coon fer the hul blam'd summer, why I'll chip in the with of a good hoss."-Estelline (D. T.) Bell.

David Caddel and Alice Goodman, own cousins, living in Jacksor township, Livingston county applied to Recorder Cooper for a license to marry last week. The girl was under age and as her guardian was opposed to the proposed union of hearts, the unhappy couple was compelled to return single handed to their country home in company with a large party of friends who had come along to witness the nupitats

Nashville, Tenn., Mav 17 .- Humplacy and Bole Whaley, desperadoes from eastern Kentucky who blew open a sate at Williamsburg a year ago and secured a large sum of money, have been captured at Marysville, Tenn.

Crops Good.

Clinton Advocate. Col. J. N. Coats has returned from an extended trip through Henry, Bates and St. Clair counties. About Montrose the principal crop is broom corn: seed is scarce and very high. Frank Fleming, the boss broom corn raiser, will put in 300 acres this spring. There is considerable flax between Montrose and Appleton City and the flax is looking remarkably well. Corn that is up is growing finely; the wet weather interfers somewhat with its cultivation, owing to the grass. Wheat and oats are all looking well. The prospect for fruit is very good. A great many hogs are dying of cholera in certain localities. The Col. closes by saying: "I found a good crop of candidates in all parts of the county, and the d-l take the hindmost."

An exchange says: Often some one regrets that certain news items were not in the paper. So does the church news, but did not want it bad enough to come around and say so. Some one has been away on a visit, or has had a nice social party, or has made some new improvement, but does not think it worth while to notify the editor. A gentleman not long ago- remarked that he may come and go forever but the paper would never mention it. The fact is, he is very clever gentleman when you meet him and draw him out, but he never comes to the office except when he wants to pay his subscription-we are glad he comes that often-and hence an editor never can mention him unless he happened to find out something.

In the course of his charge to the Jury on a murder case in Arkansas the judge said:

In making your decision gentlemen please bear in mind that the deceased was reaching for his hip pocket when the prisoner blazed away at him. The territorial statutes, you understand, gentlemen, allow one man, when he sees another make this motion, to produce his gun and begin the bombardment. To be sure it has been proved that the deceased was reaching for his handkerchief, but that makes no difference, the law does not recognize any such movements. The very fact that he was carrying a pocket handkerchief while in Arkansas shows that he was an unfit member of our society. Please weigh all of these facts before bringing in your verdict."-Texas Taran-

Digging for Treasure.

Winfield. W. Va., May 13.-Citizens living in the neighborhood of Oak Ridge, this county, are greatly excited over the sudden appearance in the community of three Indians from the far west, who have been systematically digging over a large section of country for some purpose as yet unknown. They have been seen to frequently consult what seems to be a map or diagram, and are supposed to be looking for buried treasures. They camp in the woods and refuse to communicate with any

New York, May 11 .- Herr Most, the acknowledged leader of Socialists in the United States, was arested to-night in a disreputable house in Allen street by Inspector Brynes. Most is under indictment for holding an unlawful assemblage and tor calling upon his followers to burn, plunder and ravage. He disappeared about two weeks ago, but from his hiding place has sent forth reams of the Freiheit of which he is editor. The inspector locked Most in police headquarters. He was found under the bed in the house and grovelled like a cur when arrested

A negro in Carroll county who was attempting to beat a ride on the train, was fired from the train and in revenge threw a rock through the car window and struck a passenger. The negro was arrested, and in default of bail was given six months in county jail.

Mrs. Col. Law was presented with a \$250 horse by a party of admiring friends in Carrollton last week. Col. Law gave the donors a supper in return at the Florence house same

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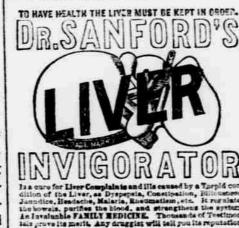
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